

Dear Ms. McCarthy,

The EPA Draft Superfund Cleanup plan is woefully inadequate.

I live near the Willamette River in St. John's neighborhood in Portland and I visit the Willamette River almost every day. I love seeing the interaction of wildlife, people and industry, but I am appalled that the Cleanup plan is so underwhelming.

The draft cleanup plan leaves way too much of the river polluted for generations to come. The plan relies way too much on "monitored natural recovery". More of the contaminants need to be taken out of the river. Portland Audubon recommends that at least 1000 acres of polluted sediment be removed from the Willamette. And dredged toxic sediments need to be transported to an appropriate landfill, away from neighborhoods and the river, and stored in a facility designed to survive the threat of a strong Cascadian fault earthquake.

The cleanup needs to result in the lifting of the current fish consumption advisory from the Oregon Department of Health at the earliest possible date, within a 10-20 year frame.

The parties that polluted the river in the first place must pay for the cleanup – it is not fair to put the burden on individual tax payers for pollution that industry left behind in their work to make their profits over the years.

All local, state and federal authorities should together coordinate a Willamette River plan to remove pollution sources from upriver and protect the River for all uses.

The Willamette River is the heart of Portland, and a clean river is a vital river that can serve many of our needs and can function for our businesses, our citizens and our wildlife and enhance the natural beauty of our area.

Thank you,

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